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FROM FIELD AND STUDY

Another Record of the Rednecked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*) in South Western Australia — The last recorded observation of this northern hemisphere migrant comes from Rottnest Island. The bird was observed over several days by Smith and Saunders on February 4, 1980. It was reported in the Western Australian Naturalist Vol. 14/8.

On November 11, 1986 we carried out a routine bird count at Lake Hinds (30°47'S, 116°34'E). On the southern shore a stationary raft of numerous Banded Stilts could be seen. In front of that group of birds an unusually active wader was noticed busily paddling and circling around. While picking frequently at the water's surface, this activity was often interfered with by individual Stilts. The bird was much smaller than the latter.

Almost white with a black eyespot and stripe on an otherwise whitish face and chest. The back was grey with the wingcovers and primaries set off in dark grey. The short tail was slanted slightly upward. It was undoubtedly a Redneck Phalarope in eclipse plumage.

We returned to the lake one week later but were unable to sight it again.

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